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Office of Assessment Policy, Development and Administration

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TO: District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools  
Principals of Public, Nonpublic, and Charter Schools

FROM: David Abrams

SUBJECT: Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Testing Schedule for the 2010–11 School Year

**This memorandum supersedes my memorandum dated July 2010. It provides updated information about the Elementary/Intermediate testing calendar for the 2010 – 11 school year.**

The attached schedule reflects changes in the Elementary/Intermediate testing calendar for the 2010–11 school year. The first administration date for the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts Tests has been changed to provide schools with one additional day to administer these tests. The last date for administering the Listening, Reading, and Writing sections of the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) has also been changed to provide schools with three additional days to complete the administration of this test. Although the scoring dates for NYSESLAT now overlap with the administration dates, school personnel may not engage in scorer training or scoring of student responses for Writing until the initial administration of the Writing section has been completed in the school for that grade band.

Please direct any questions to the Office of Assessment Policy, Development and Administration at [emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov). We appreciate the efforts of all teachers and school officials and look forward to further collaboration as the new testing schedule is implemented during the 2010–11 school year.

Thank you for all the hard work that you do and for your continued cooperation.

Attachment



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FROM: David Abrams *David Abrams*

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**2010–11 School Year**

Test	Administration Dates	Make-up Dates*	Scoring Dates	Final Dates to Submit Answer Sheets to Scanning Centers
<b>NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)</b>	Monday, October 4 – Friday, February 11	Not Applicable	Monday, March 14 – Thursday, May 5	Thursday, May 5
<b>NYSESLAT: Speaking</b>	Wednesday, April 13 – Tuesday, May 24	Not Applicable	Speaking is scored as it is administered.	Thursday, June 2
<b>Grades 3–8 English Language Arts</b>	Tuesday, May 3 ^ – Friday, May 6 †	Wednesday, May 4 – Wednesday, May 11 ‡	Monday, May 9 – Thursday, May 19	Thursday, May 19
<b>Grades 3–8 Mathematics</b>	Wednesday, May 11 ‡ – Friday, May 13 †	Thursday, May 12 – Wednesday, May 18	Monday, May 16 – Thursday, May 26	Thursday, May 26
<b>NYSESLAT: Listening, Reading, Writing</b>	Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 27 ^	Not Applicable	Wednesday, May 25 ^ – Thursday, June 2	Thursday, June 2 ^
<b>Grade 4 Science Performance Test</b>	Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3	Not Applicable	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 8 Science Performance Test</b>	Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3	Not Applicable	Scoring may start immediately following administration	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 4 Science Written</b>	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16
<b>Grade 8 Science Written</b>	Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8	Following administration, but no later than Thursday, June 16	Thursday, June 16

Note: A concerted effort has been made to avoid scheduling the administration of State examinations on days of religious observation. Because each of these tests has scheduled make-up dates, no student should miss out on the opportunity to participate in these tests should the initial test administration in any school take place on a day of religious observance.

^ The first administration date for the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts Tests has been revised to provide schools with one additional day to administer these tests. The last date for administering the Listening, Reading, and Writing sections of the NYSESLAT has also been revised to provide schools with three additional days to complete the administration of this test. Although the scoring dates for NYSESLAT now overlap with the administration dates, school personnel may not engage in scorer training or scoring of student responses for Writing until the initial administration of the Writing section has been completed in the school for that grade band.

\* Make-up testing may start on the second day of the scheduled administration dates. The make-up dates are to be used for administering make-up tests to students who were absent during the designated administration dates. The make-up dates can also be used to complete the initial administrations in schools that were closed due to religious observance or unexpected events such as flu-related closings. Make-up testing may begin on any days that remain following the school's completion of initial testing and must be completed no later than the last day of the make-up period.

† Schools must arrange to begin the administration of the English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests to students in every grade during the specified "Administration Dates." Within each grade, schools are to administer the test on the same day to all students except for those students who are absent. Schools may schedule the tests for different grades on different sets of days within the specified administration dates. For example, the school may administer the Grade 3 English Language Arts Test on Tuesday, May 3, Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, while administering the Grade 5 English Language Arts Test on Wednesday, May 4, Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6. Schools are also permitted to conclude the primary administration of a test during the "Make-up Dates" as long as at least one session for each grade is administered during the "Administration Dates." However, school personnel may not engage in scorer training or scoring of student responses for any given grade until the initial administration of all test sessions has been completed for that grade.

‡ Wednesday, May 11, 2011, is the first day of administration for the Grades 3–8 Mathematics Tests and also the last day to administer make-ups for the Grades 3–8 English Language Arts Tests.